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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James K. Falbo et al.
Assignee: Numerical Technologies, Inc.
Title: SHAPE-BASED GEOMETRY ENGINE TO PERFORM SMOOTHING
AND OTHER LAYOUT BEAUTIFICATION OPERATIONS
Serial No.: 10/040,055 File Date: December 31, 2001
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